The University of Reading Health & Safety Services - Safety Note 9



Laser Pens and Pointers

The following guidance relates to the use of laser pens and pointers.

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declared in the first instance to your Departmental Laser Supervisor (if your department has one) or your Area Safety Co-ordinator (all areas have one). Names and telephone numbers are in the

uired by your ASC,

the laser pointer should also be registered on the appropriate form to the Safety Office (Form SO12c, available from the Safety Office extension 8888 on request). Normally, laser pointers as supplied with multimedia equipment in classrooms/ lecture theatres need not be registered, as these should be classified as Class 1 and 2.

Laser pens and pointers bearing a higher classification must be individually assessed and registered with Health and Safety Services, and their use re-considered accordingly. Guidance must be sought in this latter aspect from the University Laser Safety Officer (extension 8888).

overhead screens etc) is strictly forbidden.

Please direct any queries you may have in the first instance to your Departmental Laser Supervisor (if there is one) or to your Area Safety Co-ordinator. Further advice and information is obtainable from the University Laser Safety Officer in the Health & Safety Services office (extension 8888).

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